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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Library of Congress Representative in Moscow

1. Mr. John Cronin, Chief of the Processing Department at the Library of Congress, today informed me that the Librarian of Congress was scheduled to appear before the Appropriations Committee at the end of this week. Among the items to be discussed was the establishment of the proposed Library of Congress publications procurement position in Moscow.

2. Mr. Cronin said that the Librarian of Congress had mixed feelings about defending this position before the Appropriations Committee and was interested in CIA's comment. After discussing this with [REDACTED] who is Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Foreign Publications (NSCID 16) and with Mr. George Pope of the Department of State, I passed the following information on to Mr. Cronin:

- a. That from Mr. Pope's point of view, the Department of State would today react favorably to the proposed L.C. position in Moscow if approved. (The Embassy in Moscow has already given its consent.) Mr. Pope added that only unpredictable events in Moscow might alter State Department's attitude in the future.
- b. That the Librarian of Congress could, if he so desired, advise the Appropriations Committee "off the record" that CIA supported and favored the proposed arrangement.

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